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SUBJECT: NEW CHILEAN CENSORSHIP LAW

REF: STATE 283044, DEC. 28, 1974

1. IN RESPONSE PARA THREE OF REFTEL, OTHER EMBASSIES INTEND INCLUDE VERY SHORT RESUMES WITH LIST OF FILMS ALREADY IN COUNTRY TO BE GIVEN TO CENSORSHIP BOARD. THEY OFFERING SCREENING OF ANY FILMS BOARD MIGHT SINGLE OUT OF LIST. IN-FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH BOARD MEMBERS INDICATE BOARD LIKELY TO APPROVE LIST ON BLANKET BASIS, WITHOUT SCREENING, GIVEN CULTURAL NATURE OF FILMS.

2. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY INCLUDING DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS IN PARAGRAPHS 2, 4, 5 OF REFTEL (NON-ESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

3. QUOTE: EMBASSY OF USA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND HAS HONOR TO REFER TO DECREE 679 OF OCTOBER 1, 1974 CONCERNING FILM QUALIFICATIONS. EMBASSY WISHES PROPOSE FOLLOWING MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO ACTIVITY OF ITS FILM LIBRARY WHICH SERVES THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF CHILE AND U.S. THROUGH DIFFUSION OF EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL VALUES.

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A. FILMS ALREADY AT THE EMBASSY: EMBASSY PROPOSES GIVING

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FILM QUALIFICATION COUNCIL COMPLETE LIST OF EXISTING MATERIAL.
SHOULD COUNCIL WISH TO EXAMINE ANY PARTICULAR FILM, EMBASSY WILL
PRESENT IT FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION.

B. FILMS WHICH ENTER FILM LIBRARY OF EMBASSY ON PERMANENT
BASIS: EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY COUNCIL OF ARRIVAL OF SUCH MATERIAL,
PROPOSING THE SAME PROCESS AS IN PARA 1.

C. SHORT AND FEATURE-LENGTH FILMS ENTERING COUNTRY ON TEMPORARY
BASIS: WHEN POSSIBLE, EMBASSY WILL ADVISE COUNCIL ONE MONTH IN
ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL OF THIS CULTURAL MATERIAL AND OF ANTICIPATED
PROJECTION DATES. IF COUNCIL DOES NOT REQUEST SCREENING,
EMBASSY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT FILM HAS TACIT APPROVAL OF COUNCIL.

D. FEES: SINCE FILMS INVOLVED ARE SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY OF
EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTEREST, AND
ARE SHOWN FREE OF CHARGE, EMBASSY PROPOSES THIS MATERIAL BE
EXEMPT FROM FEES SPECIFIED IN DECREE 679.

U.S. GOVERNMENT IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSES IMPOSITION OF LIMITATIONS
UPON FREEDOM OF COMMUNICATIONS, BUT IS PREPARED TO SEEK REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATION ON THIS MATTER WITH GOC IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. EMBASSY OF U.S. BELIEVES FOREGOING
PROPOSITIONS WILL PERMIT CONTINUATION OF LONGSTANDING AND
FRUITFUL CULTURAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN U.S. AND CHILE THROUGH
MEDIUM OF FILM.

THANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ADVANCE FOR RESPONSE TO
THIS PROPOSAL, EMBASSY REMAINS AT MINISTRY'S DISPOSITION TO
PARTICIPATE IN WHATEVER DISCUSSION CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

EMBASSY TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE
MINISTRY ITS HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

END QUOTE

4. REQUEST REPLY ASAP, SINCE LAW DUE GO INTO EFFECT SOON.
ACTUAL DATE UNKNOWN: 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF DETAILS IN
OFFICIAL JOURNAL. DETAILS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED
JANUARY 1, BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT APPEARED.
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